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MEXICO.

Report from Vera Cruz.

VERA CRUZ, MEXICO, December 7, 1899.

SIR: I have the honor to make the following report for the week ended December 7: Cases of yellow fever, 2; deaths, none; cases of smallpox, 4; 1 death; deaths from tuberculosis, 12; from all causes, 28. There was only 1 death reported from fever, and that from pernicious. The smallpox cases seem to be under control, vaccination, isolation, and disinfection being enforced by the local health authorities.

Respectfully,

SAML. H. HODGSON,

Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

SPAIN.

Necessity for examiner of emigrants at Santander and Corunna.

BARCELONA, SPAIN, November 25, 1899.

SIR: I have the honor to confirm my cablegram of yesterday as follows:

SECRETARY OF STATE, Washington: Surgeons more necessary at Santander and Corunna where emigration from both places four hundred each week. Here small and little danger from Portugal. Consul at Corunna has employed local doctor. LAY.

This cablegram was sent the Department in order that the Marine-Hospital Service might know of the large emigration from the northern and western coasts of Spain to Cuba and Porto Rico at the present time, and if thought necessary, either Assistant Surgeon Anderson who has been detailed for duty here could be transferred to Corunna or Santander or other surgeons sent to one or both of these places at once.

As will be seen by the reports from the former consular agent at Santander to the Surgeon-General of the Marine-Hospital Service, the emigration from that place by steamers leaving once or twice a week is very large. The British vice-consul at Gijon informs me in a letter dated November 22 that, "emigration from Asturias continues on a large scale; some four hundred sailed from Gijon a few days since via Santander." The consul at Corunna reports that steamers left that port and Vigo for Cuba and Porto Rico on the 23d and 24th instants each carrying 400 passengers, and that he has employed a local doctor to assist him in executing the quarantine regulations.

One surgeon stationed at Corunna might be sufficient for the inspection of passengers, steamers, etc., from the places on the northern coast and for those from Vigo and Corunna, as all steamers from Santander stop at Corunna before finally departing for Cuba.

There is less danger from emigrants coming from Portugal here than at Cadiz, Corunna, Vigo, and Santander, as passengers from that country would be more likely to embark for Cuba at these places, still there is always more or less at Barcelona, as passenger steamers come here from all Mediterranean ports.

During the month five steamers carrying 252 cabin and 256 steerage passengers have left Barcelona for Cuba, Porto Rico, and the Philippines.

With reference to the Department's cablegram of the 2d instant, to instruct the consul at Corunna to prohibit steerage passengers from

Oporto and other infected territory shipping for the United States, Cuba, and Porto Rico, I beg to state that it would be difficult to be certain where a person comes from in Spain for quarantine purposes. I have suggested to the consul at Corunna to request steamship companies to inspect the "cedulas" of passengers applying for steerage tickets, but this precaution offers little security, as an emigrant can borrow a "cedula."

Respectfully,
Hon. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.

JULIUS G. LAY,
Consul-General.

FOREIGN STATISTICAL REPORTS.

AUSTRALIA—*Queensland—Brisbane.*—Month of August, 1899. Estimated population, 107,840. Total number of deaths, 97, including diphtheria, 1; whooping cough, 1, and 12 from phthisis pulmonalis.

BRAZIL—*Santos.*—Period from October 18 to November 18, 1899. Estimated population, 40,000. Total number of deaths not reported. Eleven deaths from bubonic plague.

BRITISH COLUMBIA—*Vancouver.*—Month of November, 1899. Estimated population, 30,000. Total number of deaths, 36, including 1 from enteric fever.

CHILE—*Antofagasta.*—Month of October, 1899. Estimated population, 15,000. Total number of deaths, 54, including 5 from phthisis pulmonalis.

DUTCH GUIANA—*Paramaribo.*—Month of October, 1899. Estimated population, 30,567. Total number of deaths, 70. No contagious diseases reported.

FRANCE—*Nice.*—Month of October, 1899. Estimated population, 108,227. Total number of deaths, 155, including enteric fever 5, whooping cough, 1, and 20 from phthisis pulmonalis.

St. Etienne.—Two weeks ended November 15, 1899. Estimated population, 135,784. Total number of deaths, 114, including diphtheria, 2; enteric fever, 8, and 16 from phthisis pulmonalis.

JAPAN—*Nagasaki.*—Ten days ended November 10, 1899. Estimated population, 131,000. Number of deaths not reported. One death from enteric fever.

RUSSIA—*Riga.*—Month of September, 1899. Estimated population, 282,000. Total number of deaths, 555, including diphtheria, 9; enteric fever, 11; measles, 26; scarlet fever, 10; whooping cough, 2; smallpox, 11, and 43 from phthisis pulmonalis.